THE PENAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg permission to introduce the Penal Code Amendment Bill also published under Rule 32. The object of this measure is to bring Regulation I of 1074 into line with the British Act in regard to sedition. I beg to move that the principle of the Bill may be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra then proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ananda Row, P. K. Kesava Pillai and the Mover, to report within one month.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—At a meeting of the Sub-committee appointed by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Committee recommended the amendment of Sections 8 and 9 of Regulation IV of 1079, in view to obviate the delay and difficulty experienced in obtaining the previous sanction of the President of the Town Improvement Committee, for every prosecution under the Regulation. I may also observe that sometimes the servants of the Town Improvement Committee have themselves to be prosecuted for offences under the Regulation. The amendment in Section 9 proposes to give the President and the Secretary of the Society power to order the destruction of animals, under circumstances which render such a course desirable. Accordingly, I beg to introduce a Bill to amend Sections 8 and 9 of Regulation IV of 1079, and move that the Rules may be suspended for the purpose.

Copies of the Bill were then distributed. After some discussion, the Council resolved that leave be granted to introduce the Bill at the next meeting, the draft Bill being meanwhile published in the Gazette.

Mr. Vieyra.—On behalf of Mr. Ananda Row, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Tolls Bill and move that the same may be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

Section 9.

Mr. Padmanabha Iyer.—I propose that the words "deemed public revenue and be recoverable as such" be substituted for the words "recoverable as a demand for the public revenue" between the words "be" and "under" in lines 13 and 14.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

The petitions relating to this Bill were then read out by the Secretary and they were ordered by the Council to be recorded.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to move that the Bill thus amended may be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—On behalf of Mr. Ananda Row, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on this Bill and propose that the same may be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

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the Explanation II annexed to it. An explanation of the kind is not found in the corresponding provision of the Indian Evidence Act and the need for such a provision in Travancore is not quite apparent.

After some discussion, it was resolved that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

THE SALT BILL.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—Before the Salt Bill is finally passed, I propose a verbal amendment in Section 35. In line 15, the reference to *the last preceding Section* is a mistake. I move that the words "Section 33" may be substituted for the words above italicised.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I also propose that the words "1st Makaram 1088" be inserted at the end of para 1 of Section 1 of the Bill, as the date on which this law may come into force.

Seconded by Mr. P. Kesava Pillai.

Carried.

The petition relating to this Bill was then read to the Council by whose direction it was recorded.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I beg to move that the Bill be now finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

[illegible]read and passed. I beg to move, on [illegible]ts to [illegible]s 36 and 37, of which [illegible] incorporated in the amending Bill. The necessity for this set of amendments was explained at the last meeting, and I need hardly repeat that this part of the existing law has been found to be absolutely unworkable.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra.—I now propose that the Bill, as now modified, may be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE NAIR BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—On behalf of Mr. Ananda Row, I beg to move that the Nair Bill may be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Madhavan Thampy.

Carried.

The petition relating to this Bill was read out by the Secretary, and the Council directed the same to be recorded.

The Council adjourned at 2—20' P. M.

P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI,

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